

GRIFFIN BRUNK

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Berkeley, CA

J.D. with Certificates in Public Interest & Social Justice and Race & Law

May 2021

Ph.D. Student in Jurisprudence and Social Policy

May 2024

Awards: AmJur Awards in Property & Criminal Legal Ethics; Prosser Award in Comparative Criminal Procedure; Pro Bono Honors with Highest Distinction; Outstanding GSI Nomination (AY 2020-21, 2021-22)

Service: Student Representative to JSP Joint-Program Committee (2020-Present); Student Representative to JSP Admissions Committee (2022); JSP Student President (2018-2021); JSP Representative to Student Association of Berkeley Law (2017-2020)

The University of Liverpool, Liverpool, England

M.A. in International Slavery Studies with First Class Honours

Dec. 2015

Awards: Fulbright Scholarship; Pro Bono Leadership Award

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

B.A. with General Honors in Law, Letters and Society, Minor in History

June 2014

Awards: Dean's List (2011-2014); Academic All-Conference (2012-2014); Five Varsity Letters in Cross-Country and Track (2012-2014)

EXPERIENCE

Phillips Black, Oakland, California

June 2019 - Present

Capital Cases Law Clerk

Drafted sections of briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court on constitutional requirements in capital sentencing, mootness, and retroactivity. Charted a federal circuit split in retroactivity case law. Researched and drafted entries for an almanac of state post-conviction remedies and habeas procedures. Reviewed discovery for important facts and *Brady* information.

Prisoner Advocacy Network, Berkeley, California

September 2018 - September 2021

Legal Advocate

Requested and reviewed mental health plans, disciplinary records, prison appeals and habeas petitions for evidence of mistreatment and unlawful conduct by prison officials. Drafted legal letters to ombudspersons, wardens and litigation coordinators informing them of rights violations and proper remedies. Updated my correspondent on PAN's efforts.

D.C. Public Defender Service

Appellate Law Clerk

Summer 2020

Researched and drafted motions for compassionate release under the STEP Act and Covid-19 relief mechanisms. Analyzed a trial record for appealable issues, focusing on Fourth Amendment errors. Conducted issue specific research on rape-corroboration hearsay exceptions, violence in federal prisons, and prosecutorial abuse of grand jury subpoena powers.

The Law Offices of Jon Norris, Washington, District of Columbia

August 2016 - August 2017

Lead Investigator and Paralegal

Identified and prioritized investigatory tasks and case needs. Interviewed witnesses, took statements, and analyzed records to identify holes in the government's case. Drafted and filed legal motions, including *praecipes*, discovery requests, and continuances. Updated clients on progress in their cases.

Quality Solicitors Jackson & Canter, Liverpool, England
Hillsborough Paralegal

September 2015 - December 2015

Distilled thousands of pages of evidence into succinct evidence schedules for barristers' arguments. Allocated disclosure documents to appropriate legal teams. Reviewed inquest transcripts for ethics violations and useful admissions.

Liverpool Law Clinic, Liverpool, England
Criminal Appeals Supervisor

October 2014 - September 2015

Supervised and coordinated the research of nine undergraduate law students on the issue of whether *lex mitior*, the European Convention on Human Rights, and British law offered relief from an indefinite prison sentence. Drafted findings letters to non-local counsel advising them of our progress and findings.

Immigration & Asylum Researcher

Researched Home Office's policies on human trafficking, modern slavery, and statelessness in order to pursue my client's application for stateless leave to remain in the United Kingdom. Drafted legal representations to Home Office arguing my client's fitness for stateless leave to remain. Took witness statements from non-English speakers to support my client's case.

D.C Public Defender Service, Washington, D.C.
CLIP Investigator

Summer 2011, 2012

Interviewed friendly and hostile witnesses, obtained documents and records, took statements, and reviewed security camera footage for serious felony cases. Produced memoranda summarizing efforts and results of investigation.

AWARDS & GRANTS

Graduate Institute of Area Studies Simpson ABD Fellowship 2022
\$4000 award to support dissertation research on a distinct geographic location

Center for Study of Law and Society Frances S. Cole Summer Research Grant 2022
\$7000 award to support dissertation research in law and society

JSP Research Methods Training Grant 2021
\$1500 grant to support lessons in Modern Turkish

William K. Coblenz Civil Rights Fellowship 2018
\$2500 grant for research and work in human rights

Selznick Fellowship 2017
Multi-year fellowship to support interdisciplinary doctoral studies in law for up to seven years.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate School Instructor Fall 2019 - Present
Taught upper-division undergraduates about the interrelation of law with society in property, constitutional and criminal law. Designed and taught lessons for two discussion sections per week, and troubleshoot students' individual areas of confusion. Graded exams and essays for over fifty students, providing individualized revisions and comments. Mentored students in a variety of spheres, including professional skills, writing, close reading, and legal analysis.

- Courses taught: Aims and Limits of Criminal Law (Spring 2022, Fall 2021); Pedagogy in Higher Education (Spring 2021); Property & Liberty (Fall 2020); Supreme Court and Public Policy (Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

Reader - Econ 105: History of Economic Thought Summer 2018
Graded students' exams, essays and in-class presentations. Handled logistical matters including disability accommodations and attendance.

GearUp Tutor - The Neighborhood Schools Program, Chicago January 2013 - March 2014
Used small group learning to enhance the flexibility and rigor gifted students' math and English curriculum. Tutored struggling students 1-on-1 in their unique areas of confusion in math and civics.

PUBLICATIONS

Ayelet Waldman & Michael Chabon, *Fight of the Century: Writers Reflect on 100 Years of Landmark ACLU Cases* (January 2020): Researched and drafted introductions for twelve case essays, including *Korematsu v. United States*, *Adoptive Couple v. Babygirl*, and *Ashcroft v. ACLU*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Interests: Woodworking, boardgames, and perfecting my ramen recipe